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ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

USDA Authorizes Grazing and Haying of 1979 Crop Wheat

Farmers who planted wheat for 1979 harvest now have another option to consider: They may graze or cut hay on their wheat acreage. Wheat grazed or cut for hay under the special acreage grazing and hay program will qualify for the same deficiency payment rate as wheat harvested for grain.

Wheat program participants will be allowed to graze cattle or cut hay on wheat acreage equal to the higher of (1) 50 acres or (2) 40 percent of their total intended plantings of wheat, feed grains (corn, sorghum, and barley).

This action is to encourage the production of more beef later on this year. Calves now on wheat pasture ordinarily would have to come off and be sold about March 15 to permit the wheat to mature for harvest, while the action we are taking now would permit them to remain an additional 60 days or so. This should result in slightly higher rates of gain and therefore more beef later on this year. It should also encourage the movement of a few more calves onto wheat pasture and more beef from those calves as well.

While the impacts of this action will be slight, it should non-the-less slow the expected increase in beef prices.

Producers participating in the special wheat acreage grazing and hay program must also comply with normal crop acreage (NCA) requirements and with set-aside requirements for wheat harvested for grain and feed grain crops planted on their farm(s). There will be no advance payment of minimum payment guarantee this year as was provide-l to 1978 special wheat acreage grazing and hay program participants. The deficiency payment rate for 1978-crop wheat was 52 cents per bushel.

The 1979 wheat deficiency payment will be determined in December and will be the difference between the established target price ($3.40 per bushel) and the higher of either the National Average Market Price during the first five months (June through October) of the marketing year, of the National Loan Rates ($2.35).

Producers wishing to use this option may indicate their intentions at the ASCS office during the 1979 wheat and feed grains program signup period currently underway. The signup period ends April 30.

Growers Approve Marketing Quotas For Fire Tobacco

Preliminary returns from the mail referendum Feb. 20-23 show tobacco growers have approved marketing quotas for the 1979, 1980 and 1981 crops of fire-cured (type 21) tobaccos.

Returns from Virginia indicate marketing quotas were approved by 94.7 percent of the voters in the referendum.

Since marketing quotas were approved by more than the necessary two-thirds of those voting in each referendum, they will continue in effect for the 1979, 1980 and 1981 crops of fire tobacco.

Price-support loans will be available on the next three crops. Any tobacco produced in excess of farm acreage allotments will be subject to a marketing penalty of 75 percent of the average market price for the previous marketing year.

Fire-cured tobacco grower refendum results: Virginia, yes, 2,277; No, 127; Total vote, 2,404; Percent in Favor, 94.7. Appomattox, Yes, 177; No Vote, 12; Total Vote, 189; Percent in Favor, 94.0.

Marketing Agents May No Longer Store Carryover Burley, Flue-Cured Tobacco

Beginning with the 1979 crops, marketing agents are no longer permitted to sotre carryover tobacco under the burley and flue-cured tobacco programs.

Ray Fitzgerald, administrator of the ASCS said the previous carryover program may have stimulated excess tobacco production and could have some effect on the price support program.

Fitzgerald also announced six other changes in the flue-cured and burley tobacco programs, including:

- Tobacco producers will be permitted to plant up to 110 percent of their effective flue-cured allotments and still receive price support, if they agree not to harvest the four lower leaves. This is changed from 120 percent;
- producers are now required to file reports of tobacco on hand at the end of the marketing season;
- supplemental reports are now required from dealers and buyers that reflect tobacco acquired by them and not previously reported in their seasonal reports, due Feb. 1 for flue-cured and April 1 for burley;
- May 1 is the final date to file request for lease and transfer of flue-cured farm marketing quotas, except when late filing is beyond the producer's control. Lease and transfer may be approved after June 14 provided certain specified conditions are met;
- producers who plant flue-cured tobacco in excess of their farm acreage allotment will not be eligible to lease and transfer quotas after June 14;
- with some exceptions, a farm may not transfer a burley quota both to the farm and from it in the same year.

Rx for your child's safety

A snake, unseen, is lurking somewhere in the tall grass. Suddenly, it attacks. Who is the unfortunate victim? It could be your child.

"The problem is that ordinary parents, unfamiliar with emergency snake-bite procedures, may not know the first thing to do or how to react," says Dr. Albert H. Domm, child safety specialist and former medical director of the Prudential Insurance Company.

"The most important thing to remember is to keep the victim quiet and lying down," Dr. Domm said.

Dr. Albert H. Domm

"The worst thing you can do is panic," he said. "Excited activity accelerates the flow of blood through the arteries, carrying the venom to the heart," he warned.

"Do not rush off to the hospital. Call the emergency ambulance and let help come to you," he advised.

Dr. Domm said that if the accident occurs while on a camping trip or in a situation where it will take some time for help to arrive, place a tourniquet just above the bite. Make two lateral cuts above the bite and suck the venom out.

People who live in hilly areas should be particularly cautious. Danger from rattlesnakes is at its height during the warm, dry months of the year when snakes come into populated areas for water.

"If you see a snake in your yard that you suspect is poisonous, call the fire department," Dr. Domm said.

WOMANLESS WEDDING SPONSORED BY RED HOUSE RURITAN CLUB

As the saying goes "in the spring a man's fancy turns to thoughts of "love." To help celebrate the age-old rite of springtime love and matrimony, the Red House Ruritan Club will sponsor a local wedding with a difference. This wedding will be enacted by men, all members of the Red House Ruritan Club.

The wedding will be formal and complete with blushing bride, eager groom, and complete wedding party. A touch of melodrama will be available to those who seek it in the form of a shot-gun toting, angry father and tearful, anxiety-ridden mother.

The public is cordially invited to a night of family entertainment on Friday, April 6 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the J. Murray Jefferies Elementary School located in Phenix. Tickets are $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for children.

Patrick Henry Shrine Announces Summer Schedule

Beginning April 1, 1979, Red Hill Shrine and the Patrick Henry Museum will be open daily for tours from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Red Hill is a restored 18th century historic plantation containing Patrick Henry's last home, his gravesite and original law office along with other outbuildings. On the grounds is a giant osage-orange tree, the largest and oldest of its kind. Visitors can walk through a boxwood maze and gardens.

Red Hill Shrine is located five miles east of Brookneal, off of Route 10 in Charlotte County. An admission fee is charged.

Receives promotion

Richmond - Ernest L. Johnson, safety program coordinator based in Bedford, has been promoted to assistant coordinator supervisor for the Virginia Department of Transportation Safety. He replaces Frank D. Barton who has been named coordinator supervisor.

Johnson is a former Virginia State Police trooper who served Bedford County for 15 years. Since 1971 he has been a safety program coordinator for the Virginia Department of Transportation Safety.

In his new position Johnson will assist Barton in working with the Department's nine other coordinators to encourage local transportation safety projects throughout the state. He will also continue to coordinate safety programs for the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell and the cities of Bedford and Lynchburg.

Johnson is a past president of the Bedford Lions Club and a past district governor of District 24 E Lions of Virginia.

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Va. Fibre Reports Weekly Wood Purchases

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending March 18, 1979. Purchases are listed by counties.

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Amelia	696.77
Amherst	5,872.52
Appomattox	5,516.47
Augusta	1,103.85
Bedford County	1,285.23
Buckingham	24,063.57
Campbell	5,649.70
Charlotte	4,499.15
Cumberland	7,829.86
	1,477.35
Fluvanna	628.26
Franklin County	1,192.76
Goochland	664.72
Halifax	1,310.74
Louisa	262.35
Nelson	5,810.06
Pittsylvania	1,347.12
Powhatan	2,379.46
Prince Edward	13,130.25
Prince William	1,179.60
Rockbridge	2,070.94
Total	**100,488.95**

We feel this information is of interest to our Appomatox County readers and readers in adjoining counties.

Joe Ford Named To Dean's List

RADFORD Joseph M. Ford of Appomattox was among those from Radford College recently named to the winter quarter dean's list.

Ford, a sophomore political science major, is the son of Paul F. Ford of Rt. 2.

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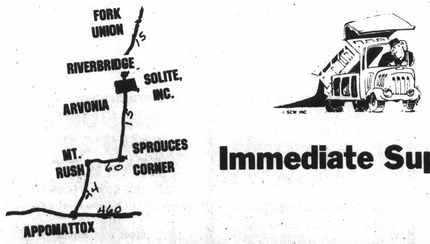

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